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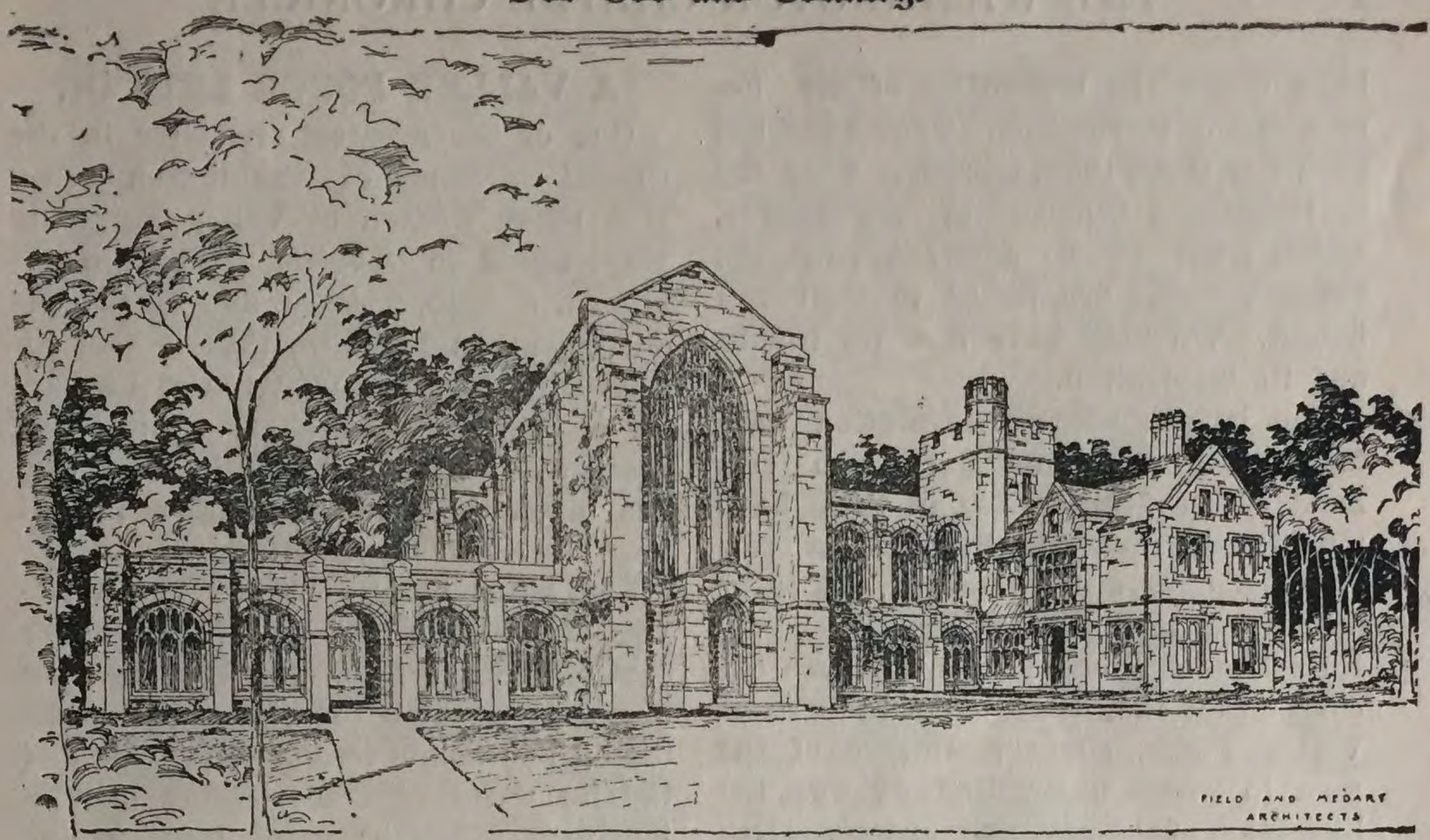

Cloister of the Colonies. Washington Memorial Chapel. Patriots' Hall. Tower and Rectory.

"No spot on earth—not the plains of Marathon, nor the passes of Sempach, nor the place of the Bastile, nor the dykes of Holland, nor the moors of England —is so sacred in the history of the struggle for human liberty as Valley Forge."

—CYRUS TOWNSEND BRADY.

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CONTINENTAL COLORS.

The Washington Memorial Chapel, incomplete as it is, is rich in historic material. While the walls are only up to the window sills the chapel contains the richly carved "Pews of the Patriots," two handsome bronze tablets and the Sullivan-Washington font.

To these are being added the splendid gift of Mrs. Alan Wood, Jr., the pulpit, lectern and perclose.

All these memorials stand for facts in the history of our country.

From these memorials the visitor looks upward to see not the graceful columns rising to the full height and carrying the oaken trusses, nor the storied windows set in graceful tracery of stone, but instead of this vision of beauty rough boards and common windows of a superstructure which by its very crudity declares its temporary character. Some day the other vision will be the pilgrim's inspiration.

The only decorations above the present stonework are the flags which, although they are so cheap and coarse, gladden the heart of the patriot as they

hang above the memorials of the heroes of the Revolution. They have not been put there thoughtlessly. They are to indicate a scheme of enrichment, which need not be deferred until the chapel's walls are raised to their full height. We may have now its beauty and its inspiration.

The battles of the Revolution were fought a century and more ago and most of the flags carried in them have mouldered away, but there are a few precious ones still preserved, while of others we have descriptions.

Replicas should be made of these old colors that they may be hung here at Valley Forge, silent reminders of the men to whom under God we owe the blessings of liberty and peace. Here should be the standards of Washington's Life Guard and of the Philadelphia Light Horse, as well as the regimental colors of the different colonies. Such a collection is owned by the Pennsylvania Society Sons of the Revolution which is increased as new flags or their descriptions are discovered. The collection at Valley Forge should be as complete.

Who will give the first flag, and so begin a scheme of decoration which will have in it both instruction and inspiration?

A Question for Earnest Consideration to Patriots and Churchmen.

Mr. Burk's recent illness was caused by overwork. He has been doing the work of three men and not with the supoprt and encouragement which churchmen and patriotic Americans should give him. He has given his life blood in the effort to secure funds for the completion of the Chapel. Are we going to carelessly accept his sacrifice and pass by on the other side? He needs your help and needs it now. What can you do to interest others? What will you yourself do? Do it now.

A VALLEY FORGE LETTER.

One of the greatest treasures in the Chapel collection of Washington relics is a letter written at Valley Forge by Washington to Governor Wharton. It is an l. s. folio, 2 pages, and by the endorsement on it shows that it was received by Governor Wharton at Lancaster on the 21st of January. The letter was given to the Chapel by one who has taken the greatest interest in all that relates to its advancement.

The letter is printed in "The Writings of Washington," 6: 287, 288, under date of January 18th. Mr. Ford has the following note on the letter: "Washington had ample reason to complain of the inactivity of Pennsylvania at this juncture. When he went into winter quarters it had been arranged with General Armstrong that one thousand of the state militia should be maintained in the country between the Schuylkill and Delaware to check incursions of the enemy and cut off supplies. Instead of this number, there were, on February 12th, only between sixty and one hundred men under General Lacey, so that there were "no guards within 20 miles of the city on the East side of the Schuylkill, but a few patrols of light horse, who being unsupported by foot dare not go near the enemy's lines. Owing to this, the intercourse of all the country between Schuylkill and Delaware is open and uninterrupted with Philadelphia as ever it was, and must continue so, unless a sufficient number of militia are immediately mustered out." Washington to Governor Wharton, 12 February, 1778.

We print the letter in full as it is written:

Head Quarters, Valley Forge, 19th Jany, 1778.

Sir

I have the pleasure of observing, by a publication in Dunlap's paper, that before the adjournment of the Assembly of this State, they had, among other wholesome laws, enacted one "for filling

the quota of Troops to be raised in this State."

As you may, perhaps, be ignorant of the reduced condition of your Regiments I have thought proper to inclose you a Return, by which you will see how very deficient they are at present, as to the number required by the allottment. You will also perceive by a note at the Bottom of the Return, how destitute the men in the field are in point of Cloathing.

I had sent out Officers from every Regiment to procure Cloathing for their men, and they were collecting considerable quantities, when Col. Bayard and Mr. Young, a deputation from the Assembly, waited upon me, and desired me to call in the Officers, informing me that they had appointed Commissioners in every County to purchase necessaries for the Army, which would be a mode more agreeable to the inhabitants, than if done in the military way. What these Commissioners have done I do not know, but no Cloathing has yet come to the Army thro' their hands. Genl. Wayne informed me that he understood it was collected and stored at Lancaster, and he went up about ten days ago to enquire into the matter.

It being recommended to every State to procure what Cloathing they can for their own Troops, I trust yours will not be backward. From the quantity of raw materials and the number of workmen among your people, who being prejudiced against Arms, remain at home and manufacture, I should suppose you have it more in your power to cover your Troops well than any other State.

The Continent will continue to import, and to purchase on the general account, what they can. I am, therefore, in hopes that the exertions of the States, aided by foreign importations, will contribute to cloath our Troops more comfortably and plantifully than they have heretofore been. But as there are so many impediments in the way of the latter kind of supply, I could wish that no great dependence may be put upon it, but that we may rely principally upon our internal Manufacture.

I shall be glad to be favd with a Copy of the law for raising your Quota of men, and have the honor to be with great Respect, Sir,

Your most obt. Servt.,
GO. WASHINGTON.

Govr. Wharton.

On public Service

To
His Excellency Thanmas Wharton, Esq,
President of the State of Penna.

Favour'd by — at
Genl. Potter — Lancaster
From Genl. Washington
rec'd 21 Jany, 1778.

SCHOOL CHILDREN AT VALLEY FORGE.

Visitors from Reading Had a Pleasant Outing.

The school children of Reading and the Alumnae Association of the Girls' High and Normal schools of Philadelphia, made the Washington Chapel their headquarters on Saturday. The party from Reading, under the leadership of Prof. Geo. M. Jones, came down from Reading on a special train. A preparatory lecture had been given in the study hall of the Boys' High School on Friday afternoon to make the excursion one of educational value. After visiting the headquarters, the sites of Washington's life guard, and McIntosh's brigade, Varnum's headquarters, the Star Redoubt, the Waterman monument, and the Soldiers' Hut, the party numbering about two hundred had a picnic luncheon in the chapel grove.

The Rev. Mr. Burk met the Alumnae Association at Valley Forge and accompanied it in a tour of the encamp-

ment, explaining the points of interest. The whole day was devoted to a detailed study of the history of the camp ground. At noon the party reached the Washington Memorial Chapel, where the visitors from Reading were waiting to hear an address by the Rev. Mr. Burk. After singing "America," Prof. Jones made a brief address and then introduced Mr. Burk. As the general story of Valley Forge had been so well told by Professor Jones, he confined his remarks to an account of the Chapel and those facts in the history of the winter of '77 and '78, which are not generally known.

Later the Alumnae Association occupied the Chapel, and again Mr. Burk was the speaker. Mrs. M. C. D. Geisler, of the Alumnae Association, presided and a vote of thanks was given to Miss Emma L. Crowell and Mr. Burk for the well-planned outing. After leaving the Chapel the Association visited the old school house, Wayne's monument, the sites of the brigades, and then drove to Norristown by way of King-of-Prussia.

The visitors took the keenest interest in the relics which were on exhibition. These were arranged for the occasion, and while they formed only a part of the relics which belong to the "Valley Forge Museum of American History," gave some idea of what the museum will be when it is opened. The exhibit was made in the first room of the Patriots' Hall, which is almost ready for use. Mr. Burk is now collecting books for the "Washington Memorial Library," which will be opened at the same time, and has asked for contributions of books and pamphlets on historical subjects to make this library of real value to the student of American history.—The Norristown Daily Herald, October 19, 1908.

THE PEWS OF THE PATRIOTS.

THE COLONEL CLEMENT BIDDLE PEW.

The order has been given for another pew. This will commemorate Colonel Clement Biddle, one of the heroes of Valley Forge. Colonel Biddle was a fighting Quaker, and organized the "Quaker" company of volunteers, of which he was elected an officer. After the battle of Trenton he was sent by Washington to receive the swords of the Hessian officers. He was at the battles of Trenton, Princeton, Brandywine, Germantown, and Monmouth, and served until 1780. He was a member of the Convention that drafted the State Constitution in 1776 and of that which drafted the Federal Constitution in 1787. Such a man deserves to be honored at Valley Forge and this new pew will add another chapter to the interesting history which is being inscribed in the memorials at the Chapel. An effort will be made to have the pew in place by the 19th of December, the 131st anniversary of Colonel Biddle's coming to Valley Forge with the American army.

The Taylor Art Company, of Philadelphia, which has printed some of the best of the Valley Forge postal cards, has taken the "Cloister of the Colonies" as a subject. The result is one of the most beautiful cards on the market. The coloring was studied at the Cloister by Mrs. Taylor, who has supervised all the work, and given the closest attention to every detail. The cards will be on sale in the Patriots' Hall.

The Rev. Mr. Burk has been engaged to deliver an illustrated lecture on Valley Forge, at Woodbury, N. J., on the evening of December 4. Many of the illustrations will be taken from Mr. Burk's photographs.

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Valley Forge, Pa.

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Sundays.

2.30 P. M. Sunday School and Bible Classes.

3.45 P. M. Service and Sermon.

Second Sunday of the month, 10.30 A. M. Service, Sermon and Holy Communion.

Stewart Fund Hall

Sundays.

10.00 A. M. Sunday School and Bible Classes.

11.00 A. M. Service and Sermon.

Calendar.

NOVEMBER.

22. Sunday next before Advent.
26. Thanksgiving Day. 10 a. m., Service, Sermon and Holy Communion.
29. First Sunday in Advent.
30. St. Andrew's Day. 10 a. m., Holy Communion.

DECEMBER.

2. 2 p. m. Guild meeting at the residence of Mrs. Charles Todd.
6. Second Sunday in Advent.
13. Third Sunday in Advent.

In addition to the regular offering on Thanksgiving Day for the Episcopal Hoispital, there will be a National Thank Offering. Money for this offering should be so designated and should be accompanied by the full name of the donor. For amounts of one dollar **Founders' Certificates will be issued, as** this money will be used for the erection of the Patriots' Hall.

Honor Roll, October, 1908.

WASHINGTON MEMORIAL SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Mr. E. T. Boggs, teacher (Bible Class)—Miss Jane Stoddart.

Miss A. W. Pechin, teacher (Girls' class)—Eleanor Andrews, Martha Andrews, Mary Garner, Jessie Garner and Alva Andrews.

Rev. F. T. H. Finn, teacher (Boys' class)—David Beynon, Charles Gebhart, John Hughes, James Quander, Ernest Stabler and Willie Stephens.

Miss M. S. Stephens, teacher (Infant class)—Margretta Gebhart, Helen McCurdy and Jane Todd.

The October meeting of the Guild was held at Stewart Fund Hall, King-of-Prussia. Seventeen members and five visitors were present. Miss Fisher and Miss Stroud have been enrolled as members. The "Hard Times Rummage Sale" netted $34.75. Printed copies of the Constitution and By-Laws were presented by Mrs. George Yarrow. A carpet for the new Chancel was presented by Mrs. Leslie Jefferis. Mrs Zulich's resignation was accepted with great regret. She has been a warm and loyal supporter of the Chapel undertakings and her help and encouragement will be greatly missed. The Birthday Box met a cordial reception. By the way, its usefulness is not confined entirely to Guild members, as any subscribers of the Chronicle, for the good of the cause, may send a penny for each year lived to the president, Mrs. Charles Wells Walker, Strafford, Pa. Tea was served by Mrs. Charles Wells Walker and the meeting adjourned to meet in the Parish House the first Wednesday in November. The chief business before the November meeting was **the reorganization of the choir. Very**

beautiful vestments had been given the choir by Mrs. Zulich and some of the members had become careless in their care of them and in their attendance at services and rehearsals. Mrs. Robert Wood, of Valley Forge, has undertaken as her active work for the chapel, the laundering of all choir vestments that they may be uniform. Miss McGlathery is choir-mother and Mr. H. E. Kratz instructor, and they will keep a strict account of attendance at services and rehearsals, conduct during that time, and the care taken of vestments. As a reward for excellence in these particulars it was decided that the choir be given a banquet in midwinter and be taken on a day's outing in the summer. Nothing is worth while that is not obtained by some sacrifice and effort. Let every member of the choir strive to be on the honor list and among the number to enjoy the rewards.

The following were the Constitution and By-Laws adopted by the Guild at the annual meeting:

CONSTITUTION.

Article I.

The society shall be called "The Washington Memorial Chapel Guild" and shall consist of the following chapters:

(1). The Working Chapter.
(2). The Missionary Chapter.
(3). The Chancel Chapter.
(4). The Martha Washington Chapter.

Article II.

The object of the society shall be to awaken an interest in the establishment and development of the Washington Memorial Chapel, and by means of union and systematic effort to increase interest and activity in the work of the mission and to assist with the current expenses.

Article III.

The payment of ten (10) cents monthly shall constitute membership in this society.

Article IV.

The officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, elected annually.

Article V.

The Guild shall hold one meeting monthly.

Article VI.

Any change in the Constitution must be proposed at one meeting and laid over until the next meeting for final action.

BY-LAWS.

I. It shall be the duty of the President to appoint the heads of the various Chapters of the Washington Memorial Chapel Guild.

II. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify the Rector as to the time and place of meetings.

III. The head of the Junior Guild shall be a member of the Senior Guild and shall consult with the same in regard to the disbursements of its funds.

IV. Any change in the Constitution or By-Laws must be proposed at one meeting and laid over until the next meeting for final action.

V. Every member shall be expected to pray for the Divine blessing upon the entire work of the Chapel.

Special Service at King-of-Prussia.

The work at King-of-Prussia, which gained not a little all through the summer, was given additional impetus by a special "rally" service in the Sunday School on Sunday morning, October 4th, upon the return of Rev. Mr. Finn from his vacation. There was a large attendance and an offering of something over ten dollars. The primary class, of which Miss Paxson is the faithful and efficient teacher, gave very sweetly and impressively portions of the twenty-third Psalm set to music, and addresses were made by Mr. Bomberger, Mr.

Boggs and Rev. Mr. Finn. Mr. Finn preached the sermon also at the regular morning service which followed. Mr. Paxson sang at this service in a most acceptable manner.

The good effects of the rally have been felt since in a larger average attendance of scholars and a deeper and keener interest among the teachers and officers, all of whom are proving very earnest and dependable indeed in this good work to which they are committed.

The Brotherhood Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Finn attended the recent Convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in the city of Milwaukee, and has prepared the following account of it for the "Chronicle":

Your delegate to the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew at Milwaukee last month found a splendid convention.

From without and from within everything seemed to tend toward its success.

From without the weather was superb; the city with its beautifully laid out streets beamed welcome, and even the City Hall joined the ranks of our hosts with a great St. Andrew's Cross, and "Welcome Brotherhood of St. Andrew" in electric light.

From within the addresses were all good, the men in crowds and seemingly in earnest, and the money receipts and pledges scored a "high water" mark over the entire preceding year. But beyond all this was a subtle something, which for lack of a better name, might be described as "atmosphere."

The boaster was absent, and the man of prayer, humility and enthusiasm was in evidence. As a representative from Edinburgh, Scotland, tersely remarked, that what surprised him was that we stopped not for congratulations on our anniversary, but that we stopped for prayer, counsel and in Godly fear.

All sorts and conditions of men were present—the red, the white, the yellow and the black; and it was glorious to see the delegates crowd St. Paul's to the very doors, that they might gather in one body around the Lord's table. That was the mountain peak of the convention.

Now for a few random items:

Hundreds of miles from the homeland, the bells of the Washington Memorial Chapel still sounded. In a service held aboard the train, when nearly all the travelers crowded into our private car, your assistant was introduced as a "man from Valley Forge," and I carried the name throughout the journey. Interest in the Chapel was awake all along the line.

In a street in Milwaukee has been erected a statue. It represents a mother with her arm around her boy, pointing to the great Washington. The meaning was complete without words.

A joint meeting of the Convocation of Norristown and the Woman's Auxiliary to the Convocation was held in Calvary Church, Conshohocken, on the 22d of October. Mr. Frank Quigg represented the Chapel in the Convocation and Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Jefferis and Miss Crawford in the Auxiliary. Owing to the death of his brother, the Rev. Mr. Finn was unable to be present and the Rev. Mr. Burk acted as secretary. The Convocation sent a message of sympathy to its secretary in his hour of sorrow. Mr. Burk told of the work done at the Chapel during the summer and plead for more generous support and told of his efforts to further the work. A minute on the death of the Rev. Harvey S. Fisher, Mr. R. T. S. Hallowell and Dr. George W. Holstein was adopted by the Convocation.

Mrs. Muscoe M. Gibson has given a large Bible for use in the services at Stewart Fund Hall and contributed a number of volumes to the Washington Memorial Library.

THE PATRIOT'S HALL.

The Founder's Certificates.

The following have been enrolled in the Book of the Founders and will receive Founders' Certificates:

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